

REMARKS

The above-identified application is United States application serial number 10/759,856 filed on January 15, 2004. Claims 1-21 are pending in the application. Claims 1-21 are rejected. Claims 1-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Elko et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,894,749).

Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. §103

Regarding the rejection of Claims 1-21 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Elko et al, applicants have amended the claims. The amended claims distinguish over Elko et al on the basis that Elko does not disclose "a body coupled to the blanking panel that emulates dimensions of a housing-contained electronic device and has a thickness selected so that clearance between the slot filler and an adjacent housing-contained electronic device leaves an air flow gap from the air inlet to exit that is sufficiently small to create an air flow resistance preventing air from re-circling toward the air inlet." Elko does not disclose housing-contained electronic devices but rather shows open boards loaded into a cabinet. Elko does not disclose selection of body thickness to create an air flow resistance that prevents air from recirculation but rather discloses selection of slot filler boards to distribute air flow in the cabinet.

The applicants have made similar amendments to all independent claims 8, 15, 20, and 21 so that all claims distinguish over Elko et al.

Dependent claims 4 and 11 are amended to claim a particular configuration of housing-contained electronic devices. Claims 7, 14, and 19 are amended to claim particular configurations of body size adjustment structures and methods.

CONCLUSION

The application, including remaining Claims 1-21, are believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at (949) 251-0250.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO, Central Number at (703) 872-9306 on the date shown below:

(Signature)

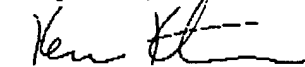
Joy C. Ngo

(Printed Name of Person Signing Certificate)

May 9, 2005

(Date)

Respectfully submitted,



Ken J. Koestner
Attorney for Applicant(s)
Reg. No. 33,004